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Title of Invention: Hitch Assembly for attaching a trailer to a bicycle

Inventors (please provide full names): Daniel M. Thorne

Earliest Priority Filing Date: 7/11/2001

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Hitch assembly for bicycle to attach a tongue of  
a trailer to the bicycle so that the trailer  
can pivot vertically (up and down) relative to the  
frame and seat of the bike.

Key words: bicycle, hitch, trailer, vertical pivoting,  
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